

Wycombe's defence is shaky

Wycombe Wanderers 4,
Guildford City 3

THE SECOND of Wanderers' pre-season friendlies against Southern League opposition once again served to illustrate there is a dangerous weakness in the defence especially when under pressure.

Although Wycombe's forwards give the appearance of being in razor sharp form the rearguard was often caught lying too square leaving themselves vulnerable to a quick break down the middle.

Against a young Guildford side Wycombe established a 4-0 lead by the 60th minute but a determined fight back whittled it away to just a one-goal deficit.

For this match manager-coach Barry Darvill gave Dave Thomas the task of leading the attack from a deep lying role. Charlie Gale looked much happier in his favourite position of left-half and Micky Calvert took over from Ian Rundle at right-back for the second half.

TONY HEADS IN

Thomas has certainly been quick to strike up an understanding with his colleagues and evidence of this was provided after 15 minutes when he gave Horseman the opportunity to head in.

One minute before the break Horseman laid on the chance for Samuels to increase Wycombe's lead with a powerful diving header which gave Brooks no hope of stopping.

Two minutes after the break Idle in trying to clear a Wanderers attack hammered the ball against Horseman which rebounded into the net.

Thirteen minutes later Samuels pushed in a low drive and Wanderers work became slightly complacent. As a result Guildford cut the deficit with goals from Davies (70 minutes), Burns (71 minutes) and Parker (88 minutes).

Wycombe Wanderers : J. Maskell; I. Rundle (M. Calvert), P. Martin; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Merrick, K. Samuels, D. Thomas, A. Horseman, R. Honeyman.